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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN KUWAIT'S PER DIEM AND TLA

1. HILTON HOTEL HERE HAS JUST ANNOUNCED INCREASE IN ROOM AND MEAL PRICES. THE OTHER SIMILAR GRADE HOTEL, THE SHERATON WILL ANNOUNCE LIKE INCREASES ON OCTOBER 1.

2. HILTON IS MOST FREQUENTLY USED HOTEL BECAUSE ITS LOCATION ACROSS STREET FROM EMBASSY. OUR VEHICLE SHORTAGE MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO HOUSE OFFICIAL VISITORS AND NEW ARRIVALS ANYWHERE ELSE, AS ALL OTHER HOTELS ARE AT LEAST 3-4 MILES FROM THE EMBASSY.

3. HILTON HAS INCREASED SINGLE RATES FROM DOLS 71 TO DOLS 75.25 PER DAY. DOUBLES HAVE GONE UP FROM 84 TO 95 PER DAY. RESTAURANT PRICES (INCL ALL BREAKFASTS) HAVE GONE UP AN AVERAGE OF 10 PERCENT. SHERATON INCREASES ARE IN THE SAME RANGE. LESSER QUALITY HOTELS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FOLLOW THIS LEAD AS THEY HAVE IN PAST.

4. REQUEST INCREASE IN PER DIEM TO DOLS 110 PER DAY BASED ON INCREASE IN DOLS 4.35 IN SINGLE ROOM RATE AND 3.25 IN AVERAGE DAILY FOOD AND MISC. COSTS.

5. RE TLA: WE APPRECIATE INCREASE IN OUR TLA WHICH APPEARED IN A-4336 (8/27/76). HOWEVER, EVEN BEFORE THE ROOM RATE INCREASE DESCRIBED ABOVE, THAT WOULD HAVE LEFT NEW ARRIVALS DOLS 10 PER DAY OUT OF POCKET, JUST ON THEIR ROOM. REQUEST INCREASE IN OUR TLA TO DOLS 76 PER DAY.

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7. HOPE THAT PER DIEM INCREASE CAN BE MADE EFFECTIVE
PRIOR TO 10/7 WHEN OUR INSPECTION TEAM (WHICH WILL BE
HOUSED AT HILTON) ARRIVES.
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